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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 8, 2004. The amended listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this response with remarks beginning on page 8.